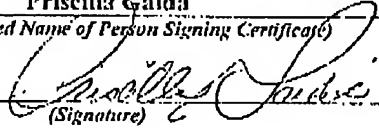


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AFTER FINAL REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

In response to the Advisory Action dated March 17, 2006 issued by the United States Examiner in connection with the above-identified patent application, the Applicant requests for reconsideration of the After Final Amendment filed March 13, 2006.

In the Advisory Action, the Examiner refused to enter the proposed amendments since the amendments were not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal, and according to the Examiner the amendment presented additional claims without cancelling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims. It is with due respect submitted that the claim amendments and arguments in support thereof enclosed in the After Final Amendment in fact reduce the issues for appeal and cancel a corresponding number of claims as were additionally presented.

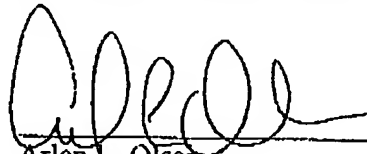
As argued in the Remarks section of the After Final Amendment, the present invention teaches and claims a board game having, *inter alia*, "rank badges which may be obtained by at least one of a player landing on a promotion space of the board and as a result on instructions indicated on a duty card, wherein the rank badges reduce the number of equipment cards needed for completion of the task." This amendment was previously considered by the Examiner in claim 14 which is now cancelled. The Examiner had alleged in the Final Action that the prior art, namely Andrew et al., taught of a similar

clement in the form of personnel cards. The arguments presented by the Applicant in the After Final Amendment clearly identify the patentable differences between the rank badges of the presented invention and the personnel cards taught by Andrew et al. Accordingly, the issue of whether Andrew et al., teaches of or suggests of rank badges, as claimed in the present invention, was in fact simplified for the Examiner in the After Final Amendment. Accordingly, the Examiner should reconsider the claim amendments and arguments put forth in the After Final Amendment with a view to furthering prosecution of the present application.

In addition, the Applicant firmly submits that a corresponding number of claims were cancelled from the application as were added in the After Final Amendment. In particular, the first paragraph of the Remarks section states that "Claim 14 has been hereby cancelled. New claim 23 includes all the limitations of claim 2 as filed in the Preliminary Amendment and has been previously considered by the examiner as original claim 2." Therefore, one claim (claim 14) has been cancelled and one claim (claim 23) has been added. Accordingly, a corresponding number of finally rejected claims have been cancelled as were additionally presented. Therefore, the Examiner is requested to reconsider the After Final Amendment and all the claims enclosed therewith with a view to furthering prosecution of the present application.

In light of the above comments, the Applicant kindly, but firmly submits that the Examiner was incorrect in issuing the aforesaid Advisory Action for the reasons stated therein. Accordingly, reconsideration of the matter is courteously solicited. Applicants invite the Examiner to contact Applicants' representative at the telephone number listed below. The Director is hereby authorized to charge and/or credit Deposit Account 19-0513.

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